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SUBJECT: CUBAN TRADE MISSION VISITING BELGIUM

- 1. CUBAN VICE PRIME MINISTER FOR CONSUMPTION AND SERVICES FLAVIO BRAVO PARDO, ACCOMPANIED BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER RENE ANILHO CAPOTE AND A TRADE MISSION, ARE PRESENTLY IN BELGIUM. THEY CALLED ON BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE JULY 9 AND WILL PAY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER JULY 10. THEY PLAN TO CONTINUE TALKS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE COMPANIES.
- 2. CAUBA EXPECTS TO MAKE COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH BELGIUM IN CONNECTION WITH ITS FORTHCOMING 5 YEAR PLAN IN AREAS OF FOODSTUFFS, TEXTILES, LEATHER, GLASS AND TOURISM.
 BELGIAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY ANNOUNCED JULY 9 THAT BELGIUM WILL SPUPPLY: (A) 3 COMPLETE FACTORIES FOR TURNING USED SUGAR CANE INTO WALLBOARD: (B) PARTS FOR A BOTTLE MANUFACTURING ASSEMBLY LINE: (C) TEXTILE MACHINERY: AND (D) ASSISTANCE IN CONSTRUCTION OF A BREWERY.
 IN ADDITION, TALKS ARE CONTINUING ON EXTENSION OF EXISTING COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF HARBOR AND SHIPPING INFRASTRUCTURE AS WELL AS IN OTHER UNSPECIFIED AREAS ON PROJECTS WITH A VALUE OF "TENS OF MILLIONS OF BELGIAN FRANCS".
- 3. WILL REPORT DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. UNCLASSIFIED

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